

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, January 4, 1880, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Jan. 4th. 1880. My dear Alec:

I have time only for a few words, but as I hope you intend to keep your promise of writing every day I feel bound to do likewise. If it is not too late I wish you would give Charlie something to take back to your mother. It was so stupid of me to forget. Go to Hovey's and ask for a real hand-worked Bretonne lace fichu (white). You may trust them to give you the real article, and you will know it by it's being soft and drooping while the imitation feels hard and stiff. I think your mother would like it, I think they are prettiest made of mull and trimmed with the lace.

Mamma, Papa and Maurice leave tonight for New York and both our households will be desolate. I wish you would come home. It is so lonely without you even though you are such a bother about meal times. What did you think of Grandpa. Mamma had a letter from Auntie today and she said his mind was failing rapidly, that they had to give up sitting at table down-stairs because he would join other parties and give them full accounts of his family. How is Carrie now, Cousin Mary wrote she was beginning to have hope for her. And Sylvia, poor child. Berta, E s I sie and I went out on that long drive you and I and Elsie took last spring to that bridge. We went over but found it so late and the way around so long we had to recross, but Berta wants to ride that way some day it looked so wild and picturesque. She had your horse yesterday and said it was a very hard horse, and thinks next time you had better try another. Now I must close I want to go home and lie down. Adelaide sleeps on the sofa in the study, so 2 I am not afraid but I do want you home again. Can't you hurry up with your business.

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With a heart full of love, Yours ever lovingly, Mabel. Sunday — No I won't date my letter any more they invariably find their way into my hands and into the waste paper basket on your return home, so what's the use.